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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
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RE: South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff's Motion to Solicit Comments from Utilities and Other Interested Stakeholders Regarding Measures to be Taken to Mitigate Impacts of Threats to Safe and Reliable Utility Service;  
**Docket No: 2021-66-A**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

As referenced in my letter dated March 8, 2021, enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket, please find a copy of the **Draft** Report on the Resiliency of South Carolina's Electrical and Natural Gas Infrastructure Against Extreme Winter Storm Events ("Draft Report"), which is being provided to Governor Henry McMaster, the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee, and legislative leaders contemporaneous with this filing.

This Draft Report communicates ORS's general findings related to the South Carolina power grid based on initial input supplied by various electric and natural gas utilities operating in the state and non-utility stakeholders, and supplemented by a set of key assumptions. ORS has scheduled a webinar to be held on October 6, 2021, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., during which time ORS will discuss with interested and participating parties the preliminary findings and recommendations set forth in the Draft Report. To the extent interested parties desire to file comments regarding the Draft Report, ORS respectfully requests that such comments be filed with the Commission in the above-referenced docket.

ORS will continue to review the information submitted by interested parties, to incorporate new developments regarding the resiliency of the power grid, to consider any comments filed by interested parties in the above-referenced docket, and to develop and refine its findings and recommendations in this matter. Following this process, ORS will prepare and file a final report by December 31, 2021, such that ORS's final findings and recommendations will be available for consideration for the 2022 winter heating season.

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By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record to this matter as well as all other regulated and non-regulated electrical and natural gas utilities in South Carolina. A certificate of service to that effect is enclosed. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



Benjamin P. Mustian

Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record

David Butler, Esquire

*(all via electronic mail with enclosures)*